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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, IN

SUBJECT: VISIT BY AMBASSADOR LEARSON

REF: NEW DELHI 9883

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM EARLIER MESSAGES ON THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS, INDIAN POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS AND THE LEADERSHIP ROLE THEY PLAY AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE POSED AT TIMES MAJOR IMPEDIMENTS TO PROGRESS IN LOS SESSIONS. WE THEREFORE CONSIDER AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S VISIT TO DELHI OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN AN EFFORT TO NARROW U.S./GOI DIFFERENCES AND WELCOME EMBASSY'S INITIAL THOUGHTS ON HIS PROGRAM. IT IS STANDARD INDIAN COMPLAINT THAT THE U.S. FAILS TO CONSULT WITH THEM ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. WE SEE AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S VISIT AS A TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION THAT THIS IS NOT SO AND THAT IN FACT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT IN DETAIL IN THE INTEREST OF MAKING MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY HEADWAY IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. NEA HAS REVIEWED CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR LEARSON, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO FOLLOW UP WITH FURTHER BRIEFINGS AS SOON AS  
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FEASIBLE AFTER AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S ARRIVAL. EMBASSY

INSIGHTS INTO LOCAL DELHI SCENE AND INDIAN MOTIVATIONS  
ON LOS SHOULD HELP MAXIMIZE USEFULNESS OF AMBASSADOR  
LEARSON'S CONSULTATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR LEARSON WILLING TO REMAIN IN DELHI UNTIL  
JULY 14 IF THIS IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME FOR  
FULL CONSULTATIONS.

4. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION FOR  
EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND ON POINTS AT ISSUE IN LOS NEOGTI-  
ATIONS BETWEEN US AND INDIA. KISSINGER

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